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Title: FLUID HEATING DEVICE, CONTINUOUS FLOW  
HEATER, AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION  
THEREOF

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, I am submitting a completed "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT" (*Form PTO/SB/08A*) with patents and/or publications as delineated therein attached.

DE 198 52 888 discloses the U-shaped heater element (3) is enclosed by the U-shaped water tube (2). Above them a warming plate (4) is arranged from the underside of which a stud (5) projects. A sprung plate (6) has a hole in the center with a claw shaped profile. To secure the element and tube in position the stud is inserted in the hole and the plate, spanning the two, is forced down the stud to lock warming plate, tube and element together.

DE 198 45 219 discloses the contact element (9) of the heating device creates the thermal contact between the heating element (10) and a medium located in the appliance container. The contact element (9) is equipped with a contact surface (12) and the domestic appliance has a container formed out of at least two parts.

DE 197 32 414 discloses that the heater has a metal throughflow chamber with an inlet (2) and an outlet (3) and with at least one thick film heating element (10). The thick film heating element extends between the inlet and outlet on the outer surface. The thick film heating element has a tapering surface cross-section continuously reducing from the inlet to the outlet. Thick film temperature sensors can be mounted on the chamber near the inlet or outlet.

EP 1 152 639 discloses that the device has a bearer (2) with at least one electrical heating resistance (10) in flat conductor, especially thick film, technology forming a heating zone, at least one associated temperature sensor (20) and electrical contacts (19,24) for the heating zone and temperature sensor. The contacts are closely spaced in a connection area (26) so that they can be contacted by a common connector (30).

EP 1 070 922 discloses that the heating device has at least one heating element (30), at least one heat transfer element (20) in thermally conducting connection with the heating element and fluid, a common temp. monitoring device (50) for the heating element and for the fluid and a controller. The temp. monitoring device is connected to the controller and delivers an output signal to it depending on the temp. variation in the heating element and/or heat transfer element. An Independent claim is also included for a method of controlling a heating device for fluids.

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